
SENATE BILL No. 205

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-1.1-21.3.

Synopsis: Payments in lieu of taxes for DNR land. Requires the department of natural resources (DNR) to make a semiannual payment in lieu of property taxes (PILOT) for land owned or leased by the department of natural resources, except for land used as a state park. Allows: (1) a county; and (2) a conservancy district; in which land owned by the DNR is located to collect a PILOT. Provides that for purposes of calculating a PILOT, the land is considered to have an assessed value of one-third of the statewide agricultural land value base. Establishes the PILOT transfer account within the state general fund and appropriates from the state general fund to the PILOT transfer account the amount necessary to make required distributions to counties and conservancy districts.

Effective: January 1, 2004 (retroactive).

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January 8, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-21.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2004 (RETROACTIVE)]:

4 **Chapter 21.3. Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**
6 **department of natural resources.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "PILOT" refers to a payment in**
8 **lieu of taxes.**

9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "statewide agricultural land**
10 **value base" means the statewide land value base for one (1) acre of**
11 **agricultural land, as determined by the department of local**
12 **government finance and in effect on March 1 of the year**
13 **immediately preceding the year in which a PILOT is due and**
14 **payable under this chapter.**

15 **Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply to property owned or**
16 **leased by the department and used as a state park.**

17 **(b) The following are authorized to collect payments in lieu of**

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taxes from the department:

(1) A county in which land described in subsection (c) is located.

(2) A conservancy district in which land described in subsection (c) is located.

(c) The department shall make a PILOT on May 1 and November 1 of each year with respect to land that is:

(1) owned or leased by the department on March 1 of the previous year; and

(2) subject to an exemption from property taxes.

Sec. 5. The PILOT paid under section 4 of this chapter equals the amount of property taxes that would have been levied upon the land described in section 4(c) of this chapter if the land were assigned an assessed value equal to the product of:

(1) the number of acres included in the parcel of land; multiplied by

(2) thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the statewide agricultural land value base.

Sec. 6. Not later than September 1 of each year, the auditor of state shall provide the township assessor of each township in which land described in section 4(c) of this chapter is located with a report of:

(1) the number of acres of land described in section 4(c) of this chapter that are located in the township; and

(2) any other information required by the department of local government finance;

on a form prescribed by the department of local government finance. However, with the consent of the department of local government finance, the auditor of state may distribute the information required under this section in an electronic format.

Sec. 7. A PILOT is billed, is due, bears interest if unpaid, and is distributed to a political subdivision described in section 4(b) of this chapter in the same manner as ad valorem taxes on property. A PILOT is treated in the same manner as a property tax for purposes of the procedural and substantive provisions of law.

Sec. 8. The department of local government finance shall prescribe a form for the transfer of information required under section 6 of this chapter. The department of local government finance may adopt standards for the transfer of information under section 6 of this chapter that are necessary to assist townships, counties, and conservancy districts with the implementation of this chapter.

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1 **Sec. 9. (a) The PILOT transfer account is established within the**
 2 **state general fund to provide money for the distributions of**
 3 **payments in lieu of taxes under section 7 of this chapter. The**
 4 **account is administered by the auditor of state.**

5 **(b) Expenses of administering the account are paid from money**
 6 **in the account.**

7 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account**
 8 **not currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the**
 9 **same manner as other public money may be invested.**

10 **(d) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does**
 11 **not revert to the state general fund.**

12 **(e) There is annually appropriated from the state general fund**
 13 **to the PILOT transfer account the amount necessary to make the**
 14 **distributions under section 7 of this chapter.**

15 **(f) There is continuously appropriated from the PILOT transfer**
 16 **account an amount necessary to make the distributions under**
 17 **section 7 of this chapter.**

18 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004 (RETROACTIVE)]**

19 **(a) Notwithstanding IC 6-1.1-21.3, as added by this act, a PILOT**
 20 **(as defined in IC 6-1.1-21.3-2, as added by this act) is initially due**
 21 **for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2004.**

22 **(b) The department of local government finance shall prescribe,**
 23 **not later than August 1, 2004, a form for reporting the information**
 24 **required under IC 6-1.1-21.3-6, as added by this act.**

25 **(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2005.**

26 **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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